

MEMORANDUM FOR Members, US Army Alaska Retiree Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, US Army Alaska Retiree Council (19 November 2003)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, the US Army Alaska Retiree Council met 17 November 2003, 7:00 p.m., Building 600, Third Floor. Chairperson Ira Rion presided.

2. Present:

John Jigliotti  
Sara McCullough  
Frank Gatlin  
Fran Barndt  
Jack Murray  
Susie Baty

James McCullough  
Ollen Hunt  
Ernie Barndt  
Ira Rion  
Michael Baty  
Norman Schlittler

3. Absent:

W. D. Pollard (excused)  
Aud Severson (excused)  
Jim Skinner (excused)  
Brad Bradley (excused)  
Jimmie Pierce (excused)  
Connie Heidemann (excused)

Gordon Severson (excused)  
Anne Skinner (excused)  
Lou Bradley (excused)  
Miles Pierce (excused)  
Emmett Heidemann (excused)  
Eva B. C. Hanks (excused)

4. Others:

LTC Roger Meyer, G1  
CPT Earl Zortman, 59<sup>th</sup> Sig Bn S1  
SGM Lasher, FRA Garrison SGM  
Gail Scarborough, RSO

5. Chairperson Ira Rion called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

6. Minutes: Minutes were approved as written

7. Committee Reports:

a. Health Consumers Advisory Council: This committee will be deleted from minutes due to lack of activity.

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b. Officers' Spouse Club: Sara McCullough reports tomorrow night is the monthly meeting of the OSC. The event is extreme bowling. The annual Country Fair Bazaar was successful. The December meeting is on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will be a wine tasting in the Gold Rush Room. Let Sara know if you wish to attend. The OSC will host the Elmendorf OSC at the January meeting. A night of Bunko is planned.

c. Community Action Council: Jim McCullough stated the meeting was held yesterday. Christmas tree safety was stressed at the meeting. The Commissary will open on 14 December at 2:00 p.m. due to their Christmas party. It will close at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. Anchorage schools will close December 19-January 5<sup>th</sup> for Christmas holidays. The Provost Marshal is encouraging drivers to slow down. Posted speed limits are for good driving conditions. The BX-PX will open at 5:00 a.m. on 28-29 November for their big sale to kick off the holiday shopping season. There is a Bowl-A-thon planned for soldiers on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 8. Old Business:

a. Issues for Chief of Staff, Retiree Council: None were presented.

b. Christmas Social: December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Sourdough Mining Company, 5200 Juneau Street. Cost is \$22.95 per person. Please RSVP to Gail (384-3500) by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

c. Transportation to Joint Mall: Ollen asked if there was an update on transportation for new soldiers to the mall. SGM Lasher stated that a test run has been tried. The shuttle was not used enough over a seven week trial period to justify the cost of operation. If there is sufficient population at a later date, another test will be tried. City buses can not be used because the Post is unable to get an accurate list of drivers to do required background checks.

d. Fence: SGM Lasher stated that Colonel Bolt has made the decision to re-evaluate the project and has requested more information.

#### 9. New Business:

a. Friendship Village: Norman brought a video on the Village for the Council to view at the January meeting.

b. ID Cards: If you lose your ID Card, a report must be made with the Provost Marshal before a replacement can be issued.

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10. Announcements:

a. LTC Meyer told the Council the 1-501<sup>st</sup> will increase to 3000 personnel in 2007. A Core Support Battalion of 550 personnel at Fort Wainwright has been proposed. If approved, it will come on line between 2007-2010.

b. Thanksgiving Dinner: SGM Lasher invited everyone to the Thanksgiving Dinner being served at the Dining Facility. Hours are 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Senior Leaders will be serving the meal.

c. Construction Projects: SGM Lasher reports a number of new construction projects at Fort Richardson are planned. New housing is planned to begin in 2005 and will include 89 units in the Birch Hill area. A new Mini-Mall is scheduled for construction starting in the spring. Final design has been approved. A new Community Center is scheduled to be built in the parking lot at Building 5. The new dining facility is scheduled to open January 18<sup>th</sup>.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

12. Next Meeting: December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Sourdough Mining Company.

IRA RION  
Chairperson

I have reviewed these minutes.

Gail Scarborough  
Retirement Services Officer